

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the instant application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following comments. Claims 2-11 are in this application with claims 2-4, 6, 7, and 10 amended and claim 1 cancelled herein.

In the office action, claims 1-2, and 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over JP 200-209160 to Naganuma in view of JP10-173266 to Fujita and in further view of JO2002-290331 to Miyaji.

Claims 3-8 have been indicated to contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 3, 4, 6, and 7 are amended herein to place them in independent form. Accordingly, it is submitted that these independent claims patentably distinguish over the relied upon portions of the cited references and are allowable. Claims 2, 5, and 8-11, which depend from one of these allowable base claims are allowable therewith.

For at least the foregoing reasons it is submitted that claims 2-11 patentably distinguish over the relied upon portions of the cited references and are allowable.

Conclusion

In view of the remarks and amendments set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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